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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as outlined  
hereinbelow: